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Irrigation

Proposals of the Chief Engineer regarding the strengthening of the Tank Restoration Scheme, etc.

* 678 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to paragraph 5 of G.O. No. 1973 I., dated 16th December 1926—

(*a*) the proposals of the Chief Engineer for the further strengthening of the Tank Restoration Scheme establishment and the repairing of the Tungabhadra channels and their anicuts in the Bellary district; and

(*b*) the proposals further considered by the Development Department for the use of electric drive for pumping in Bellary and the other Ceded districts and the conclusions arrived at thereon?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraphs (*d*) (v) and (iii), and (e) (ii) of Section "I. Existing Irrigation Works" in the statement laid on the table on 1st October 1929 in answer to question No. 672. The survey of subsoil supply in Bellary has been completed. The results have not been such as to make it worth while to undertake a survey of a similar kind on a large scale.

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"May I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member will be able to consider the question of the formation of irrigation panchayats in order to help the minor irrigation overseers in connexion with the distribution of water and also in connexion with the Tank Restoration Scheme?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"If any definite proposal is made for the formation of such panchayats, I shall be quite prepared to consider it."

Supply of water to Cumbum tank.

* 679 *Q.*—S. M. K. BAYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of villages that depend upon Cumbum tank for wet cultivation;

(*b*) the total extent of the land under the above tank fit for wet cultivation in each village if the tank has a full supply of water;

(*c*) in view of the successive failure of rains during the past thirty years resulting in severe famine to the villages under the tank, whether the Government will propose considering any minor irrigation work for supplying water to the tank;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Government had once contemplated to divert the "Wuppabagu" river into Cumbum tank as the said river gets into floods every year; and,

(*e*) if so, whether the Government will consider the desirability of taking up the scheme again?

A.—(*a*) Fourteen.

(*b*) The total registered wet ayacut in all the villages is 5,183 acres.

(c) The Government will consider the question on receipt of a report from the Chief Engineer (vide answer to question No. 527 given on 4th March 1931).

(d) & (e) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 527 given on 4th March 1931.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I know what were the points referred to in question No. 527 referred to here?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"One of the points referred to in question No. 527—I am speaking from memory—was whether there was any proposal under consideration for the improvement of water-supply to the Cumbum tank."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I ask whether in the scope of that enquiry will be included the question as to how best the present water can be utilized; because I believe that a considerable quantity of water is being wasted?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Public Service

Applications from members of the depressed classes and Christians for the posts of Deputy Tahsildars during the years 1925--30.

* 680 Q.— Mr. M. Devadasan : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received from the depressed classes for the posts of Deputy Tahsildars during the years 1925—30;

(b) how many of them were appointed;

(c) the number of applications received from the Indian Christians; and

(d) how many of them were appointed?

A.—(a) & (c) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to applications for the posts of probationers for the Madras Revenue Subordinate Service. The Government have not the information.

(b) None.

(d) Two Indian Christians were appointed.

Mr. M. Devadasan :—"May I know with reference to the answer to clause (a) whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information? It is said here 'Government have no information'?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"It is very difficult to collect the information in regard to the number of applications. I doubt very much whether we have any paper showing the total number of applications."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I know if it is a fact that an Adi-Dravida also applied for the post and that his application was rejected simply because he was a Christian Adi-Dravida?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"I must ask for notice of that question, Sir."